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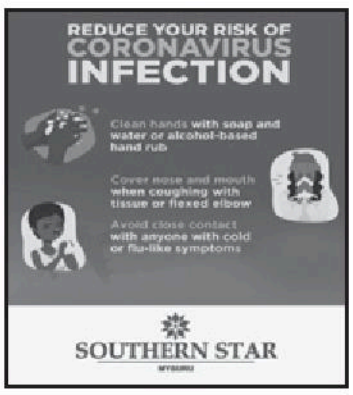
REDUCE YOUR RISK OF
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INFECTION
Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub
Cover nose and mouth when coughing with tissue or flexed elbow
Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
SOUTHERN STAR

PM to decide on lockdown only after Apr.11

- Modi holds meeting with Parliamentary Floor Leaders; To meet Chief Ministers via video conferencing on Saturday
- Karnataka Cabinet to meet tomorrow; One more COVID-19 death in Kalaburagi; State total death toll 5

New Delhi/Bengaluru, Apr. 8-(UNI&Agencies)- In what may hold many answers to possibility of an extension of the ongoing nationwide lockdown, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is holding a meeting with Parliamentary Floor Leaders of different parties this morning. However, there is unlikely to be any immediate announcement, before Apr. 11, say sources.

Only Floor Leaders of political parties having more than five MPs participated in the meeting. This was the first such meeting to be chaired by PM Modi and it came amidst severe criticism by the Opposition parties, especially the Congress, of the Government's handling of the crisis.

The meeting started at 11 am through video conferencing, to decide the future course of action as far as coronavirus outbreak in India is concerned,

PM Narendra Modi

among other key issues. The primary point on the agenda was whether to end the lockdown or extend it and if the Government wishes to withdraw it, what should be the approach. The current shutdown is slated to end on Apr. 14.

Congress' Ghulam Nabi Azad, Trinamool Congress leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, Samajwadi Party's Ram Gopal Yadav, BSP leader S.C. Mishra, Lok Janshakti Party's Chirag Paswan, NCP chief Sharad Pawar and DMK leader T.R. Baalu were among those who joined the video-conferencing.

Another point of discussion was the economic impact of the shutdown and how to deal with it. Money released to States, future of daily wage workers who are the worst hit due to total shutdown and scope if any possible economic package was also on the table to discuss in the meeting, said sources.

(See PM on page 5)

To Our Readers

*Turn to Page-4 for an article titled **"Why Coronavirus is so lethal and fast spreading?"** by Swami Muktidanandaji, President, Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru.* —**Ed**

MCC's 5% Property Tax rebate extended up to May 31

With the new order, tax payers can remit taxes once the lockdown ends

Mysuru, Apr. 8 (RK,DM & BCT)- The State Government has extended the five percent Property Tax rebate offered to taxpayers in the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) till May 31. The order was passed by B.B. Cauvery, Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration in Bengaluru yesterday.

Usually, the Government offers the rebate to tax payers in the month of April (from Apr. 1 to Apr. 30) to all property owners who want to pay their yearly tax in full.

This year, however, due to COVID-19 scare, the MCC has not been able to collect taxes through its Zonal offices as they have remained closed and even the online collection system was not implemented as promised earlier by the MCC as there was no approval from the government.

It may be recalled that *Star of Mysore* had published a report on Apr. 5 under the title 'Coronavirus hits MCC Property Tax collection', wherein it was highlighted that there will be no five percent Property Tax rebate and no online payment facility until further notice.

Following pleas by Urban Local Bodies across the State seeking to extend the rebate, the State Government yesterday issued an order and extended the benefit by one month, till May 31.

The Government, taking note of the pleas which highlighted that as per the lockdown regulations, it was imperative to avoid public congregation at offices and banks, issued the order extending the rebate benefit to May 31.

The Directorate of Municipal Administration made amendments to Section 2 and 3 of Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976 to facilitate the one month extension.

Now, as per the order, the five percent Property Tax rebate benefit has been extended till May 31 for the year 2020-21, covering MCC and all other Municipal Corporations and Urban local bodies, barring BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike).

Sources in the MCC told *Star of Mysore* that once the lockdown is lifted, people can head to all the nine Zonal offices and pay the Property Tax and also avail of the rebate till May 31.

Systems will be in place for the smooth payment of taxes and public will not be inconvenienced. Public notifications will be issued asking the public to pay taxes after the lockdown. Sources added that the HDFC Bank has been authorised to collect taxes on the MCC's behalf.

Coronavirus message on social media

Loyal World owner files Police complaint

The messages are fake, Police clarify

Mysuru, Apr. 8 (SBD&BCT)- Even as the Government is toiling hard to curb the spread of novel Coronavirus by enforcing the lockdown and ensuring that there is no shortage of essential commodities in shops, mischievous elements are spreading fake news asking people not to visit certain shops.

A complaint has been lodged at Kuvempunagar Police Station last evening regarding fake messages that ask customers not to go to Loyal World, Kuvempunagar branch, as an employee of Kuvempunagar Loyal World and also the owner of Loyal World Super Market chain had tested positive for COVID-19.

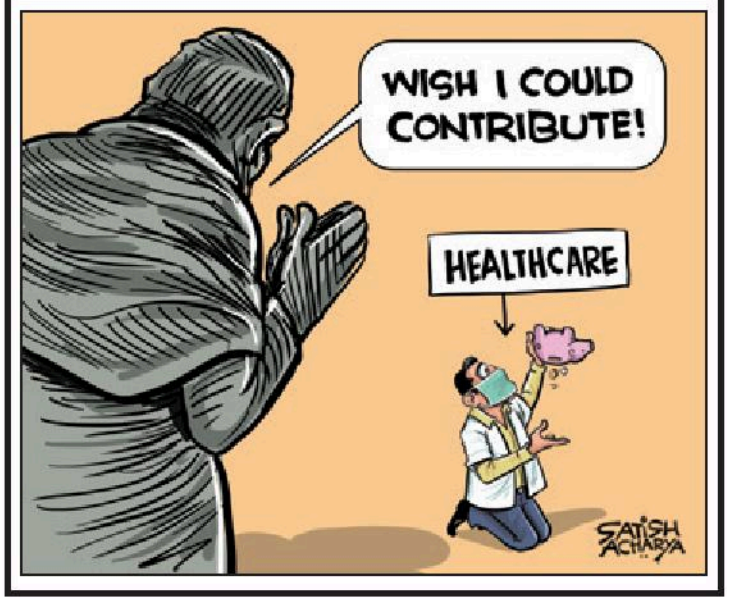
The fake message, widely circulated in social media, says that they were part of a religious congregation in New Delhi.

However, Mysuru Police clarified that the message was indeed fake and Shabeer Ali, one of the owners of Loyal World, speaking to *SOM*, said that fake messages were damaging their reputation built over several years and neither any employee nor the owners have tested positive to the virus and nor has anyone from Loyal World participated in the Delhi religious congregation.

Message to public

In a message to patrons and public, the Loyal World management has requested them to not to give credence to rumours. "Ever since the lockdown has been imposed, our team has been working tirelessly to serve all residents of Mysuru. Unfortunately such incidents do bring our morale down," the message said.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



STAR OF MYSORE

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Country's Corona *Curve*

Graphic representations of the cosmic dance of Coronavirus as it were, currently christened as *COVID-19,* in the form of curves while reporting the numbers of its victims in different countries across the world, including India, are expected to flatten in the days and weeks ahead. Keen observers of the goings on are in their rights to raise the question — *Is the curve in India flattening?* — given the few guidelines to the masses from none other than the Nation's Prime Minister himself, such as Janata Curfew on March 22, Nationwide Lockdown for 21 days from March 25, self-imposed Quarantine, maintain Social Distance both in homes and outside, wash hands with soap, lend support to law-keeping and healthcare personnel in mitigating the spread of the virus, bestow attention to the destitute in fending off hunger, avoid starting and spreading rumours based on unfounded events, and so on being the guidelines that couldn't have been made simpler to comply with.

Aam Janata **at large are not aware of the implications involved in identifying the affected sections, conducting the prescribed tests, isolating those proving positive in the test, treating them in the hospitals and protecting the masses from the virus, particularly the rural residents and urban poor. The mere numbers of those affected and tested are mind-boggling, not to talk of the numbers of doctors, nurses, analysts and paramedics working 24x7, in all parts of India, including Mysuru.**

Knowledgeable observers of the current scenario emerging during the past few weeks are optimistic to some extent about the waning of the harm being done by the virus to human populations, even in the developed countries. Reportedly, there is increasing evidence that South Korea, Singapore and even China are well on way of flattening the Corona curve by resorting to mass testing as a vital part of their strategy. India too is following their approach to check the spread of the virus.

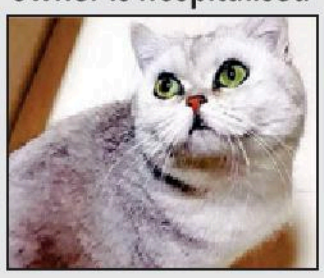
Some gratification is justified by the fact that the numbers affected and dead due to the virus in the country are significantly low as a fraction of the land's population of 137 crore. If the tempo of efforts on containing the virus is maintained, there is every reason to expect that the Corona virus curve will not only flatten but also disappear, according to many with credentials to express their understanding of the situation. Where there is a will, there is a way!

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

To have the competence or technique of doing something is not the same as having expertise in it. One may be able to ride a bicycle or play cricket but not do either of these well. Expertise comes with doing something extremely well, which in turn relies on developing more than technical skills. It comes when skills are nurtured patiently and constantly honed. Their acquisition is impossible without continuous, time-consuming practice and their growth depends on making mistakes and learning from them, and on listening to constructive criticism by others. Thus, to become an expert, one must imbibe the broader culture surrounding good work. *—Rajeev Bhargava in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Cat locked for 40 days in apartment after owner is hospitalised



Wuhan: Le Le, a British Short-hair cat from Wuhan, China, has become a symbol of resistance during the current pandemic by showing that if she could survive in a locked apartment for 40 days, humans can handle a bit of social distancing and isolation too.

This story of feline endurance and survival began in January, 2020, when the Covid-19 crisis in Wuhan was still in its infancy. One by one, Le Le's human family had to be hospitalised after becoming infected with the coronavirus and the pregnant cat had been left by herself. Her owners had decided not to hire anyone or even check in on her because they didn't known whether their home was contaminated with the virus or not. But when they returned and saw Le Le safe and sound, with four kittens running around the flat, they were overjoyed.

Coronavirus-shaped pendant as talisman against real Coronavirus

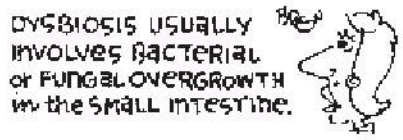
Kostroma: Dr. Vorobev, a "medical jewelry" company based in Kostroma, Russia, has been getting a lot of attention for the sterling silver coronavirus-shaped pendants it has been selling since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sold online for 1,000 rubles ($13), the coronavirus pendant created by Dr. Vorobev has become a very controversial piece of jewelry on Russian social media. While some people buy it and post photos of themselves wearing it on their Instagram and VK accounts, other criticise the company for trying to make money off a global health crisis that has already killed tens of thousands around the world.

Pavel Vorobyov, the founder of Dr. Vorobev, insists that the pendant is a gesture of support for health professionals, not a way to exploit the current crisis.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is Dysbiosis?



The standard American diet contributes to Dysbiosis, a condition of imbalance in gut bacteria that can lead to inflammatory diseases and cancer. Processed low-fibre foods contribute to the overgrowth of "bad" bacteria. Whole foods contribute to "good" bacteria. Include vegetables, fruits and grains in your daily diet.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Web telecast of music by Ganabharathi

Mysuru, Apr. 8- Ganabharathi Music and Dance Sabha, Mysuru, is arranging 'Web Telecast' of one hour flute programme by. Vid. Mysore A. Chandan Kumar at 6 pm today (Apr. 8). Listeners may visit Ganabharathi Facebook page and feed their like/ comment *(http:// www.facebook.com/ganabharathi/)*.

This programme is third in the series; the first one was by Vocalist Vid. Mysore N. Sreenath and the second one by Vidushi M.A. Jyothi yesterday. These concerts are being arranged at their respective residence by their own effort and without any accompanying artistes. This will continue as long as the artistes are available, according to Dr. C.G. Narasimhan, President, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar.

Hand sanitisers, masks handed over to DC

Mysuru-based Cycle Pure Agarbathies distributed 5,000 hand sanitisers, 5,000 face shields and 5,000 N95 masks to the Police force, Hospital staff, emergency workers and needy citizens in city to ensure their safety. Picture shows Arjun Ranga, Managing Director, Cycle Pure Agarbathies, handing over the items to Abhiram G. Sankar, Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru.

Really...?

- ***The study of fruits is called Pomology.***
- ***A banana is not a fruit, it is a herb! Being easy to digest and highly nutritious, these are the first fruits offered to babies.***
- ***Strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside. There are 200 seeds in an average strawberry.***
- ***Red-coloured fruits keep your heart strong.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A Japanese man in a monastery atop a sacred mountain asks the wise man:
"Master Ayumu, why do all Westerners think that Japanese people look alike?"
"I am not Master Ayumu!!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.84
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 93.47
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.65
1 Euro	= Rs. 82.45

VOICE OF THE READER

Corona has no religion

Sir,

This is with reference to a photograph published in *Star of Mysore* dated Apr. 6 on page-9 showing Hindus and Muslims together lighting diyas at Chamundipuram, Mysuru.

Millions of Indians turned off the lights in their homes and lit up balconies and doorsteps with lamps, candles and mobile flashlights on Apr. 5.

The above photo that sent a message of community participation also made it clear that Coronavirus has no religion and we need to go beyond religion to fight the pandemic.

Kudos to *Star of Mysore* for highlighting this bonding and camaraderie.

— Bhaskar
on e-mail
Mysuru 7.4.2020

Obituary

P.G. Hemdev

Mysuru, Apr. 8 - Paramanand G. Hemdev (71), a resident of Brindavan Extension, passed away yesterday at his residence following brief illness. He was the former President of Mysuru Sindhi Association, Member of the International Council of Sindhis and Past District Governor of Lions District 324-D1.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, daughter-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Gangadhar

Gangadhar (Paper Ganga), a resident of Ramanuja Road 13th Cross, passed away yesterday in city. He was 50.

He leaves behind his mother Rajamma, wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Gangadhar was involved in the distribution of newspapers in Mysuru since 35 years and was also the BJP President of Ward No. 4.

Last rites were performed yesterday evening, according to family sources.

District Minister on 3-day tour from tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr.8- Housing and District-in-charge Minister V. Somanna will begin a three-day tour of Mysuru and Kodagu districts from tomorrow (Apr.9).

Somanna

Somanna, who will arrive in the city tomorrow morning, will take part in a public grievances meet at 11.30 am, following which he will hold a meeting with officials regarding COVID-19 measures at ZP Hall at 12 noon. He will launch home-delivery of ration articles at Kyathamaranahalli in N.R. Constituency at 4.30 pm following which he will visit some Fair Price Shops and stay for the night in the city.

On Apr.10 morning, the Minister will inspect APMC Market, Wholesale markets, M.G. Road market and other markets in city, following which he will leave for Madikeri. He will return from Madikeri later in the evening and stay overnight in Mysuru.

On Apr.11 at 9 am, Somanna will once again visit APMC Market, Wholesale markets and other city markets to inspect the precautionary and safety measures taken regarding COVID-19.

First COVID-19 patient from Mysuru, lone patient from Kodagu cured

Three test positive in Mandya district; Malavalli, Nagamangala on high alert

Mysuru / Madikeri, Apr. 8 (RK,PS&BCT)- Amidst the news of extension or relaxing the lockdown after Apr. 14, here comes a good news. The first patient who tested positive for Coronavirus in Mysuru and the sole positive patient in Kodagu have been cured and have been tested negative. Both of them have been discharged from hospitals as per COVID-19 protocol.

Both the fully-recovered patients were released yesterday. With this, Kodagu has no positive cases while the number of positive cases in Mysuru has come down to 34 from 35. The very first COVID-19 case in Mysuru was confirmed on Mar. 21. He is a man in mid-30s, a resident of the city, who had travelled from Dubai to Bengaluru via Goa. He went to K.R. Hospital and got himself admitted on Mar. 20 as he had fever and cough.

The patient, however, did not meet his friends and family members and had got voluntarily admitted to the hospital. He was tested positive later and now he has been certified as cured. The patient, however, has to remain in quarantine at his home for two more weeks as a precautionary measure.

Abhiram Sankar

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar announced yesterday that the first positive patient is cured of virus and discharged. Mysuru Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj said that the patient has been cured of illness as two subsequent tests showed no COVID-19 virus and even the chest X-ray was clear. The individual, however, has to lead life in isolation at home for another two weeks, the Dean said.

Kodagu patient discharged

In Kodagu too, the 32-year-old man who was the first — and the only patient — to be infected with COVID-19 has recovered. He was being treated in the isolation ward of Kodagu District Hospital from Mar. 16. The recent throat swab samples collected from him have tested negative for COVID-19 and he was discharged from the hospital and he drove his car to reach his home in Ketumotte near Kondangeri in Murnad yesterday.

The person had arrived at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru from Dubai on Mar. 15 and he had travelled by a Rajahamsa bus and had reached Murnad on Mar. 16. After developing symptoms of COVID-19, he got himself admitted to the District Hospital. Before getting admitted to the hospital, he had come into contact with around 50 people in his native place. As the patient is now cured, the District Administration has decided to clear the prohibition imposed at Ketumotte.

Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Annies Kanmani Joy said that the discharged man had been asked to be home quarantined till further instructions. If the villagers of Ketumotte develop any symptoms, they should immediately visit the nearby hospital, she added.

Annies Kanmani

Three from Mandya test positive

Meanwhile, three persons from Mandya, who were in touch with attendees of a religious congregation in New Delhi, were tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday.

Following the lab reports, a high alert has been sounded in Mandya district. The new cases reported from Mandya have been moved to the Coronavirus hospital in Mandya. According to the authorities, patient number 171 is a 32-year-old youth while P172 is 36 years old and P173 is a 65-year-old senior citizen. At least 48 primary contacts of these infected people are kept in isolation. These three persons were in touch with P134, P135, P136, P137 and P138 who are being treated in Mysuru.

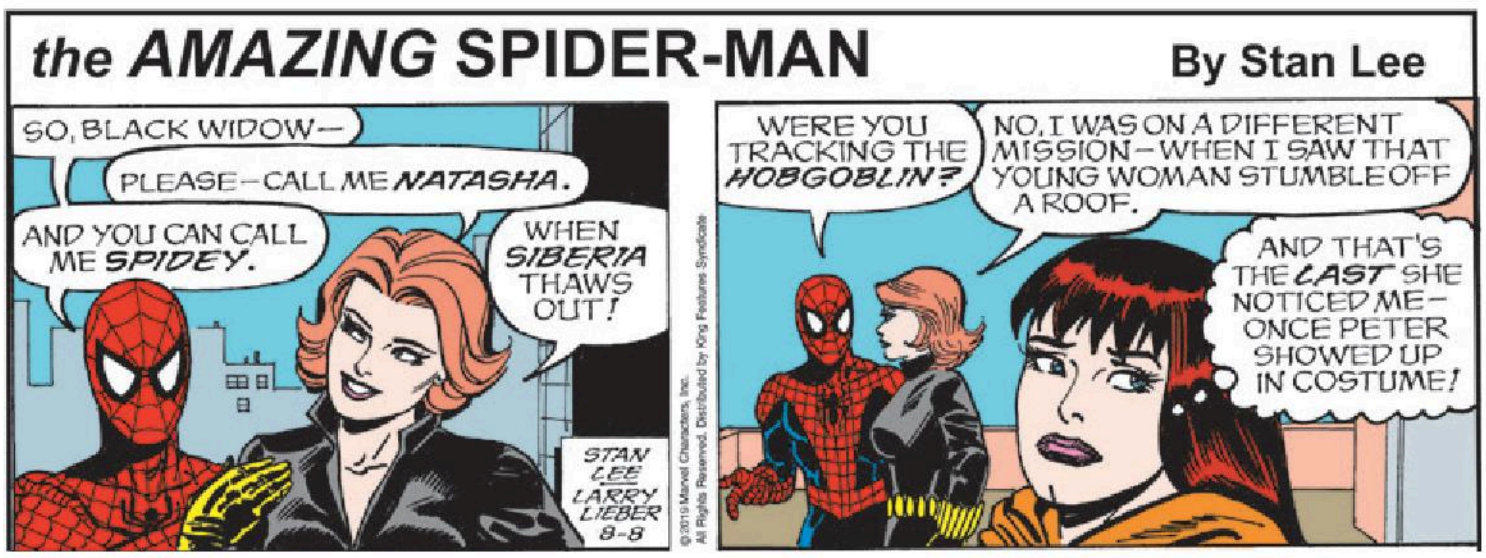
Dr. Venkatesh

These five patients have a travel history to Delhi. A dedicated ward has been set up to treat these patients at Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS). According to **Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.V. Venkatesh,** their condition is stable and they are responding to the treatment.

Soon after the district administration received the lab reports which confirmed the first COVID-19 cases in Mandya district, which was so far free from Coronavirus, the entire Malavalli and Nagamangala taluks have been declared as prohibited areas. While the swab samples of 3 out of 7 suspects have been found positive, the reports of other persons are awaited. Now, a red alert has been sounded in the entire district, especially in Malavalli and Nagamangala taluks.

Horticulture Helpline

Mysuru, Apr. 8- The Horticulture Department of Zilla Panchayat, Mysuru, has set up a **Helpline [0821-2430451]** to provide information related to Horticulture. The Helpline is functional between 9 am and 6 pm till Apr.14. People can air their grievances related to horticultural produce and get info on supply of fruits and vegetables to the doorstep of buyers.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Why Coronavirus is so lethal and fast spreading?

Its biology, disease, cure and call for united action

By Swami Muktidanandaji,
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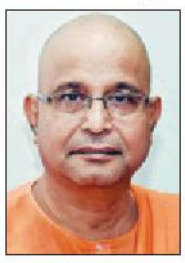


Swami Muktidanandaji

We have to first understand the simple structure of a typical cell briefly. Then even as laymen, we can understand how the structure of Coronavirus is different from a typical cell. It is a common man's understanding and knowledge of Coronavirus which is the key to implementation of preventive measures and solutions.

"Protoplasm is the physical basis of life" is the fundamental concept of cell biology and life science as defined by Thomas Huxley, an English biologist and anthropologist. The cell content within the cell membrane is called protoplasm. The matrix residing within the cell membrane and outside the centrally located nucleus is called cytoplasm. So, cytoplasm with organelles and nucleus containing the genetic material (DNA) are the constituents of protoplasm.

Virus as a bridge between the living and non-living

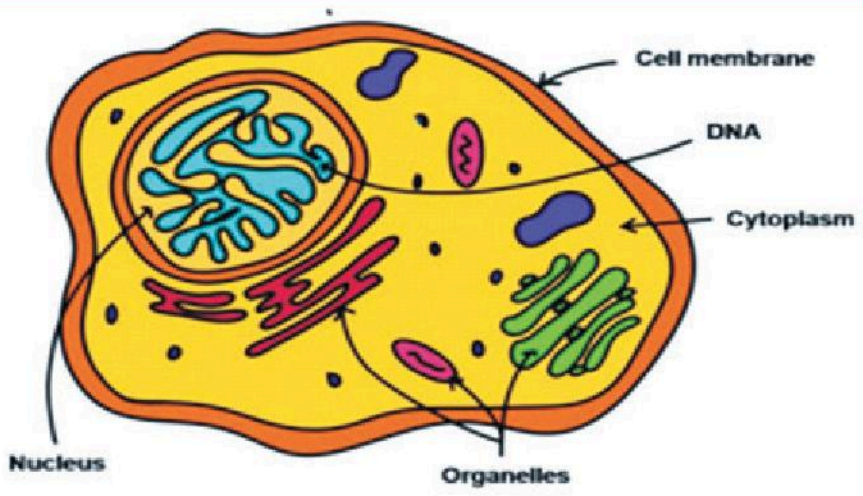
Virus, an unusual primitive parasitic entity, has both living and non-living characteristics. It is a mysterious invisible, non-living, micro-crystal or dust particle when outside the living host. But it assumes life soon after it enters a living host. Therefore, it is an obligatory parasite. It has neither cytoplasm nor cell organelles. It has only genetic material, either DNA or RNA surrounded by a protein coat. Therefore, the virus is considered as a bridge between the living and the non-living.

Understanding the nature of Coronavirus

This Coronavirus is a virus belonging to the family Coronaviridae. It is opined that the original reservoir of this virus is a non-human host, horse-shoe bat from which it jumped to humans. This Coronavirus emerged in the city of Wuhan, China, in December 2019 and has spread all over the world in a short period. This epidemic is now known as COVID-19 and the virus is known as SARS-CoV-2. The virus is a mutant variety of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) Coronavirus. This non-living micro dust-like form of the virus is transmitted between people through respiratory droplets when an infected person sneezes or coughs.

Structure of the Coronavirus

This Coronavirus is a spherical, single-stranded RNA (genetic material) virus with a protein coat. It has corona like extensions called spike proteins on its surface. Hence, the name Coronavirus. These spike proteins bind to the receptors on the host cell. It is called Novel Coronavirus (nCoV) because of these spike proteins which are different from those of other Coronaviruses.



A typical cell

Fast replication process once it enters the host

In general, Coronavirus swiftly multiplies once it enters the living host. Its RNA replicates after entering the host and produces multiple copies of itself. These RNA particles get themselves covered by protein coats and then come out of the host cells only to infect new cells.

During infection, they enter through the mouth or nostrils through respiratory droplets, make their way into the bronchial tract and lungs gradually and multiply in the alveoli of the lungs. This reduces the expanding and contracting mechanism of the alveoli leading to fibrosis of the lung. As a result, the function of our oxygen supplying organ, the lung, gets badly mutilated and respiration gets hindered making us unable to breathe. This results in the shortage of oxygen supply to the brain and the entire body and the patient dies.

Why Coronavirus is so lethal and fast spreading?

How to break this protein coat of the virus and paralyse its RNA when it is in the non-living form outside the host and in a living form inside the host is a matter of research. Of course, its duration of life outside the host is very limited to the extent of 3 or 4 days, especially in a tropical hot climate like India where the relative humidity is also higher.

It is believed that a type of white blood cells called the Natural Killer cells (NK cells) which are a component of our innate immunity and which resist any pathogen as the first line of defence are not very effective against these viruses. People may be sick with the virus for 1 - 14 days before developing symptoms.

The most common symptoms are fever, dry cough, tiredness, and excessive drowsiness. In severe cases, breathing will be difficult. If not contained, it can be fatal, particularly in individuals with co-morbid health conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, and chronic diseases of heart, lungs, kidneys and liver and infants.

Since the Coronavirus is spread through respiratory droplets, it is advised not to touch the nose and mouth as these viruses stay on the surface of hand in a viable state for quite a long time. Also, it is advised to wash the hands thoroughly with soap and sanitisers.

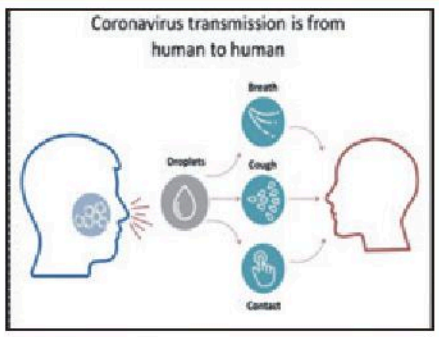
Prevention of COVID-19: Scientific & social approach

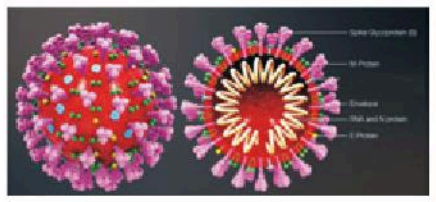
Our body's immune system is yet to develop a new strategy to counter this virus and there is no medicine available at this point of time. The greater challenge is to find a way to deactivate this RNA of Coronavirus when it enters the human body, by our defence mechanism or by antibiotics or in developing a vaccine.

Since it is fast spreading through the human agency, the epidemic has now become a pandemic killing human beings so fast, not yielding to any known medical system. Realising the magnitude of the epidemic, the Government of India has decided that the only way to prevent this epidemic is by making humans not accessible to it by social distancing. People affected by Coronavirus have to be isolated in quarantine. Thus, the virus chain has to be broken so that it perishes being deprived of the host for a considerable period.

Social distancing is the only Mantra

Social distancing and staying at home are the only two ways to flatten the curve. If we see the extent of devastation caused by Coronavirus in developed countries like Italy, China, Spain, UK, America, and other countries, India, with not so developed medical infrastructure and habitual group-living in cities and slums, especially in villages, needs to be extra vigilant and cautious. Our national lockdown may have to be inevitably continued for some more reasonable time and all of us have to educate ourselves and ignorant masses about the preventive measures more aggressively and convincingly.





Need for basic existential solidarity

It is time that we Indians have to demonstrate that we are all solidly-united transcending the barriers of caste, creed, religious customs and traditions to protect our country and the world. Let us pray intensely for the well-being of all. Let us invoke the noble and powerful survival instinct and motherly caring instinct hidden in all of us.

Let us work together constructively, lovingly as Indians. This feeling of unity, amity, and love for each other is needed now to keep COVID-19 pandemic away. This should be our religion, throb of life, the wave of mind and line of action.

The famous French surgeon and Nobel Laureate, Dr. Alexis Carrel, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1912 says, "Prayer is the most powerful form of energy one can generate. As a physician, I have seen the patients coming out of melancholy and disease by the serene efforts of prayer."

Our united and the sincere cry of the soul shall be heard by the Almighty, the Omniscient, and Spiritual Consciousness which has created and is sustaining this universe. Let our patriotism, universal brotherhood and unity find its true expression in this hour of worst crisis.

Let the scientific capability of the West and the spiritual capability of the East come together and work reciprocally to fight out this pandemic. If all of us work with honesty as per scientifically-defined line of action, we shall not only conquer this Coronavirus disaster but shall also create a new eco-friendly, clean and a spiritually vibrant world of understanding, friendship and love.

Women throng banks to avail Jan Dhan benefits

Mysuru, Apr. 8 (MTY&KS)- Though the District Administration has been appealing to the general public to stay indoors and maintain social distancing when they come out for purchasing groceries, vegetables etc., people seem to be keener on breaking the lockdown norms than protecting themselves from the COVID-19.

Following National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) crediting Rs. 1,500 for the months of April, May and June to the Jan Dhan bank accounts of women under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana and the account holders receiving messages about the money being credited to their accounts, hundreds of women this morning thronged various banks to withdraw cash from their accounts despite prohibitory order in place.

There are about approximately 85,000 to 91,000 women Jan Dhan account holders in the district and it is learnt that not all Jan Dhan account holders have received the benefit. But still, those who have not received messages about cash being credited into their accounts are also crowding the banks.

Apart from these Jan Dhan account holders, there are 3,97,580 beneficiaries of Old Age, Widow, Transgender and Disability pensions, family and retired employees pensions, who are also thronging the banks along with retired Government employees in large numbers to withdraw the benefits given by the Government.

While social distancing is being maintained at a few banks, the same is being violated at other banks, which has become a headache to bank officials.

Meanwhile, at the meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and Lead Bank Manager Venkatachalapathy with Managers of various Banks such as State Bank of India (SBI), Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda etc., they have asked the Managers to follow COVID-19 guidelines and discussions on banks reaching the account holder instead of the account holder coming to the Bank was also held.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Lead Bank Manager Venkatachalapathy has urged Jan Dhan account holders not to throng Banks as it may spread COVID-19 and added that money has been credited to only a few Jan Dhan accounts.

Urging people not to crowd Banks for enquiry purpose and be patient to two to three days, Venkatachalapathy said that there were plans to reach Jan Dhan benefits to account holders by taking Micro ATM to every area so that Jan Dhan account holders could withdraw the cash without coming to Banks.

Micro ATM service has already been started at Yelwal and Belikere branches of Canara Bank and sanitisers are also provided to the employees, he said and added that there are a total of 592 branches of various Banks in Mysuru district.

After relatives shy away due to Corona scare ...

Muslim youths help in last rites of Hindu woman

New Delhi, Apr. 8 (Agencies)- Unable to find a vehicle amid the nationwide lockdown, a Hindu woman's body was carried by her Muslim neighbours to a cremation ground in Madhya Pradesh's Indore. The young men also helped the woman's sons with her last rites as most of her relatives did not participate in the funeral due to fears of Coronavirus.

Videos and photos, that have been widely shared on social media, show the woman's bier (coffin) being carried by the young men.

Wearing masks, the youths made arrangements for the funeral and carried the elderly woman's body on their shoulders to the cremation ground around 2.5-km away, State Congress Spokesman Narendra Saluja told a news agency.

The 65-year-old woman died on Monday after a prolonged illness. She is survived by two sons who could come home much after her death due to lockdown restrictions.

Senior Congress leader and former Chief Minister Kamal Nath applauded the gesture of Muslim youths, saying they have set an example in society.

"It is praiseworthy that people from the Muslim community along with the woman's two sons carried the body on their shoulders for her last rites. This has set an example in society. It reflects our Ganga-Jamuni culture and such scenes enhance mutual love and brotherhood," he said in a tweet in Hindi.

The Muslim youths told that they considered it as their duty and knew the woman since their childhood.

PM to decide on lockdown

(Continued from page 1)

At the meeting, the PM sought suggestions from Opposition leaders on the road map to contain the outbreak. Besides, he also apprised them of the steps being taken by the Government to check the spread of virus.

PM to meet CMs on Saturday

Meanwhile, sources said that the Centre will take a final call on extending the lockdown for Coronavirus after PM Modi's second meeting with Chief Ministers via video conference on Saturday (Apr. 11). The PM will discuss with CMs about a way forward after Apr. 14, following up on the last meeting, in which he had asked for their suggestions on lifting the lockdown in a staggered manner.

The Government is considering requests of several States to continue the lockdown, sources say. Sources say the Government is in favour of removing the restrictions in a graded manner to ensure that the economy and basic sectors restart.

While more and more States have asked for an extension of lockdown, given the spurt in COVID-19 cases, there is massive concern over job losses and the need to restart the economy. The Government is exploring the reopening of sectors in a phased manner.

One more dies in Kalaburagi

A 65-year-old man of Kalaburagi died of COVID-19 at the ESIC hospital here this morning. The number of people succumbing to Coronavirus rose to two in the district, five in the State. A 76-year-old elderly man who returned from abroad died of COVID-19 on Mar. 10 in Kalaburagi.

Meanwhile, reports from Bengaluru say that the Karnataka Cabinet will meet in Bengaluru at 11 am tomorrow to take stock of the virus situation, its spread, positive cases and total death toll.

The Cabinet has to seek permission from Centre if any decision on the lockdown has to be taken. Sources said that the State Government will follow the decisions taken by the Centre on lockdown relaxation.

Online Lit Fest till Apr.12

Mysuru, Apr. 8 (KS) - In a first-of-its-kind, The Book Bakers, has organised an Online Literature Festival from Apr. 6 to 12.

The Lit Fest is held from 10 am to 9.30 pm during which nearly 600 authors will hold 91 sessions that will be streamed live on 'The Book Bakers' facebook page.

Bestselling authors, Bollywood and cricket celebrities, motivational speakers, journalists, armed personnel, Police Officers, paranormal experts, doctors, business leaders, political analysts, stand-up comedians and ISKCON gurus will take part.

Some of the authors who are part of the panel are Anirban Bhattacharya (actor and author of 'The Deadly Dozen'), Niel D'Silva (author of 'Yakshini, City of Screams' and 'Maya's New husband'), Suhail Mathur (author of 'The Bhairav Putra,' 'The Hunt for Rama's Bow' and 'Myriad Tales'), Aparna Sanyal (author of 'Circus Folk and Village Freaks'), husband and wife duo Kiran-Nirvan (authors of '21 Kesaris; the untold story of The Battle of Saragarhi'), Savdhaan India's Sushant Singh, crime novelists Manjiri Prabhu and Kulpreet Yadav and Aarti V. Raman (romantic novelist who authored 'The worst daughter ever').

Local flavours will be provided by authors Nitin Kushalappa, Dr. Apeksha Rao, Vinayak Pattar (author of 'Incidentals'), Pragya Bhatt (Yoga expert and author of 'Beyond Asanas'), Debleena Majumdar (author of 'A Marketplace for Murder') and Nitya Neelakantan (author of 'Two weeks to win her').

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	103.90 ft
Yesterday	104.06 ft
Inflow	103 cusecs
Outflow	708 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,270.42 ft
Inflow	366 cusecs
Outflow	1325 cusecs

WORD OF THE DAY

Incarcerate

Pronunciation: in-KAHR-suh-rayt.
Meaning: To put in prison, to subject to confinement.
Origin: A criminal sentenced to incarceration may wish their debt to society could be cancelled; such a wistful felon might be surprised to learn that incarcerate and cancel are related. Incarcerate comes from incarcerare, a Latin verb meaning "to imprison." That Latin root comes from carcer, meaning "prison." Etymologists think that cancel probably got its start when the spelling of carcer was modified to cancer, which means "lattice" in Latin—an early meaning of cancel in English was "to mark (a passage) for deletion with lines crossed like a lattice." Aside from its literal meaning, incarcerate has a figurative application meaning "to subject to confinement," as in "people incarcerated in their obsessions."
Example: Because the accused man presented a serious threat to society, the judge ordered that he remain incarcerated while he awaited trial.

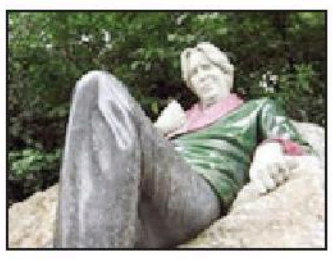
THE ODD WORD

Iatrarchy

Government by Physicians.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

I have nothing to declare but my genius



Meaning: Supposedly said by Oscar Wilde at Customs Control in New York, 1882.
Origin: Wilde did visit the USA and this quotation is certainly in keeping with his style. There's no evidence to prove conclusively that he said it though and it doesn't appear in print until 1914. His US tour was very successful and Wilde became quite famous there, so it is also possible that the 'quotation' was made up for him.
There are many quotations attributed to Wilde, for example, "I can resist everything except temptation" and "We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars", and many of them are bogus. Wilde was clearly highly adept at coining repeatable phrases and those two did in fact come from his pen - from The Importance of Being Earnest, 1895, and from Lady Windermere's Fan, 1892, respectively. Here are a few others that can't be questioned, as they also come from his published works:
"Life is much too important a thing ever to talk seriously about it."
"To love oneself is the beginning of a life-long romance."
"Women are meant to be loved, not to be understood."

QUOTE BOX

True genius resides in the capacity for evaluation of uncertain, hazardous, and conflicting information. **— Winston Churchill**

RIDDLE THIS

I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?

Answer: An echo.

SUDOKU

	1	9	4		5	7	6	
		7		6		1		
		4	6		8	3		
9								8
		3	2		1	4		
		8		3		6		
	5	6	1		9	2	7	

Answer to previous puzzle

4	3	2	9	7	5	6	8	1
8	6	9	4	1	2	3	5	7
7	1	5	8	3	6	2	9	4
6	7	8	3	2	4	5	1	9
5	9	3	1	6	8	7	4	2
2	4	1	7	5	9	8	3	6
9	5	6	2	8	1	4	7	3
3	8	4	6	9	7	1	2	5
1	2	7	5	4	3	9	6	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

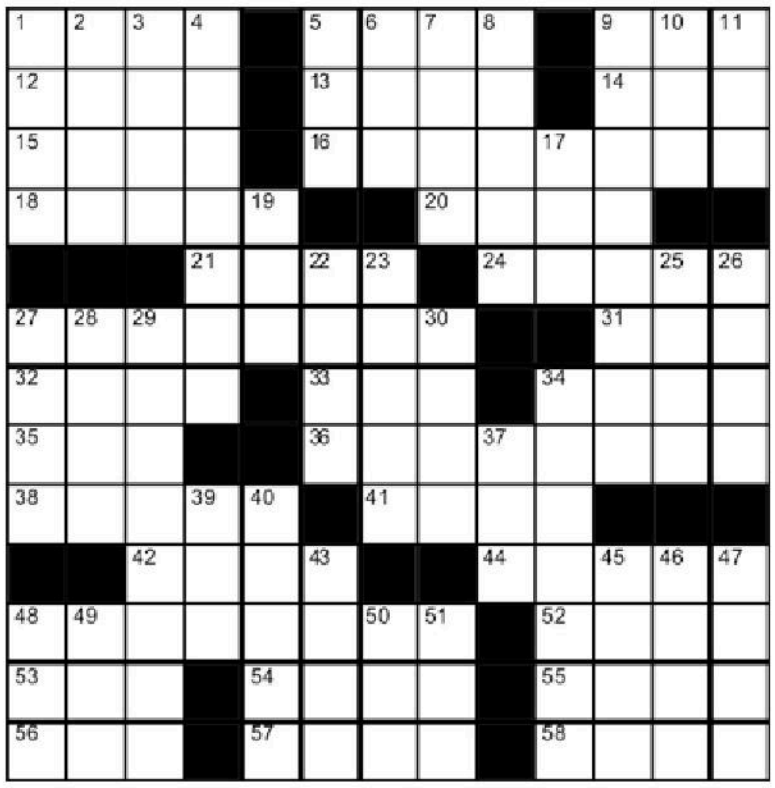
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Lord Mahavir's follower
5 Desert lying mostly in Mongolia
9 Make the fur ___ : cause disturbance or dissension?
12 Sea bird
13 Utter a low cry of pain
14 Circle found on a peacock tail
15 Clump or bunch of grass or hair
16 Heavy or solidly built
18 Uppity pretenders as to social status
20 A manner of walking
21 An invisible or subtle emanation
24 Trample heavily on
27 Pickled herrings
31 Apply lubricants to
32 Series of spirals
33 Fijian island
34 Biblical word
35 Miles per gal.
36 Overshadowed
38 A sacred song
41 ___ out : makes living or supports with difficulty?
42 Neatly arranged
44 Out of practice
48 Lacking animation or nobleness of mind?
52 Not dense ?
53 Engine Pressure Ratio
54 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
55 Increase or put on
56 Starting shot of golf
57 Plato's In ___ veritas
58 Cupid

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

G	O	A	D	■	E	T	C	■	D	R	O	P
A	I	D	A	■	S	A	O	■	I	O	N	A
P	L	A	T	I	N	U	M	■	S	T	E	T
■	■	■	I	C	E	■	P	A	P	E	R	S
D	A	N	N	Y	■	K	E	T	U	■	■	■
A	G	O	G	■	S	A	T	U	R	A	T	E
F	A	G	■	M	O	D	E	L	■	R	E	D
T	R	O	U	B	L	E	D	■	Q	U	A	D
■	■	■	P	A	I	R	■	R	U	M	M	Y
A	M	I	D	S	T	■	E	C	O	■	■	■
C	O	M	A	■	A	L	S	A	T	I	A	N
R	A	P	T	■	R	I	P	■	E	T	T	U
E	S	S	E	■	Y	E	N	■	S	E	R	B

DOWN
1 Spouts or spurts out
2 Mr Jaitley of the BJP
3 "Information" in short?
4 Seven-a-side court game
5 Greenwich Mean Time
6 Cry of delight
7 Ex-India batsman Abbas Ali ___
8 Ancient Peruvians
9 Chains of suspended drapery or other decorations
10 Alkaline slurry used in soap making
11 Up to now
17 Set of tools
19 A quantity of money
22 Actor's part?
23 Swiftly or quickly
25 Small arachnid
26 Walk wearily
27 Royal Can. Mount. Police
28 Catch dropper's comment
29 Bandage
30 Be sullenly silent
34 A strong upward rush or sweep
37 Comparative ending?
39 Girl's name
40 Ovid's 1,554
43 Unidentified animal reported on high Himalayan slopes
45 River in Europe
46 The three of them
47 What the Japanese spend?
48 Put in place
49 Unseal - poetically speaking!
50 Nobelist Amartya Kumar ___
51 Standing Room Only, abbr.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RWK BMKOR FJ WOGC MFGP TB EFR RF QK CTBISOHKC. TR TB

AYZW AFGK DGOZKJYS RF OIIKOG JOXFYGKC QH RWK DFCB.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond the power of our will.

SKYWATCH

Biggest, Beautiful and Brightest

Pink Supermoon of the year tonight

Coronavirus (COVID-19), lockdown, sultry weather, home stay... People are fed up of this ongoing pandemic. But now, completely deviating from COVID-19 to Astronomy, on Apr. 8, Indians are fortunate to witness the spectacular, resplendent and biggest Supermoon of this year. This is known as lunar perigee and a normal lunar perigee averaging a distance of 3,62,479 kilometres — happens once every orbital period. This event can be referred as 'Supermoon.'

The term 'Supermoon' was coined by astrologer Richard Nolle. He generally describes Supermoon as perigee-syzygy — a New or Full Moon (syzygy) which occurs with the Moon at or near its closest approach to Earth (perigee) in a given orbit. In short, Earth, Moon and Sun are all in a line, with Moon in its nearest approach to Earth.

In February, Full Moon ushered in the second in a series of 4 Full Moon Supermoon occurred on Feb. 9 (3,62,479 km), Mar. 9 (357,404 km), and happening on Apr. 8 (3,57,035 km) and May 7 (3,61,181 km) and three New Moon Supermoon on Sept. 17, Oct. 16 and Nov. 15. All of these Full Moons are less than 3,63,000 km (2,25,000 miles) distant as measured from the centres of the Earth and Moon.

From extreme coastal tides to severe storms to powerful earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, the entire natural world surges and spasms under the sway of the Supermoon alignment — within three days either way of the exact syzygy, as a general rule. The geocosmic risk raised by Supermoon alignments will pass with little notice in our immediate vicinity.

The effects on Earth from a Supermoon are minor, and according to the most detailed studies by terrestrial seismologists and volcanologists, the combination of the Moon being at its closest to Earth in its orbit, and being in its 'Full Moon' configuration (relative to the Earth and Sun), should not affect the internal energy balance of the Earth since there are lunar tides every day. The Earth has stored a tremendous amount of internal energy within its thin outer shell or crust, and the small differences in the tidal forces exerted by the Moon (and Sun) are not enough to fundamentally overcome the much larger forces within the planet due to convection and other aspects of the internal energy balance that drives plate tectonics.

The 'Super' in Supermoon is really just the appearance of being closer, but unless we measure the Earth-Moon distance by laser range-finders, the LRO [Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter] spacecraft in low lunar orbit and to watch the Earth-Moon distance over years, there is really no difference. The Supermoon really attests to the wonderful new wealth of data NASA's LRO mission has returned for the Moon.

Astronomers have estimated that, the Supermoon will be around 15 percent brighter and 30 percent bigger than the average Full Moon. Full Moons from the way we see it, vary in size because of the oval orbit of the Moon. It is an ellipse with one side (perigee) about 50,000 km closer to Earth than the other (apogee). Experts say the short distance difference isn't enough to cause any earthquakes or tidal effects. Although, the Earth's tides are expected to be particularly high and low when the Moon comes closest to our planet which is known as perigean tides. That's when the Moon exerts about 42 percent more tidal force than it will during its next cycle two weeks later. In most places, lunar gravity at perigee pulls tide waters an inch or so higher than the usual tide.

To view this weekend's Supermoon to best effect, look for it just after it rises or before it sets, when it is close to the horizon. There, you can catch a view of the Moon behind buildings or trees, an effect which produces an optical illusion, making the Moon seem even larger than it really is. We are even privileged to see this spectacle on May 7 of 2020.

But if we need to witness the similar type of Supermoon with almost the same distance, we may have to wait till 2026. So, on Apr. 8, everyone be curious to witness this exiting astronomical spectacle and spread the grandeur and essence of Astronomy.

—Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna
Observational Astronomer

Colouring Mindfulness...

Members of Mysuru Zilla Kuncha Kalavidara Sangha, led by artist Mahadevu, who have been creating awareness across the city regarding the importance of following lockdown guidelines to save the nation from COVID-19 spread through their art works, are continuing to paint the minds of people with awareness at T. Narasipur, H.D. Kote Police Station, Kollegal and K.R. Nagar. Picture shows one of their works at T. Narasipur.

Jain Yuva Sanghatan celebrates Mahaveer Jayanti by distributing grocery to needy

Mysuru, Apr. 8 (KS)- The members of city's Sri Sthankvasi Jain Yuva Sanghtan celebrated Mahaveer Jayanti by distributing grocery kits to the needy across the city on Monday.

The first phase of the programme was launched by MLA S.A. Ramdas at CITB Choultry in Siddarthanagar. The MLA expressed his gratitude to the volunteers serving at this crucial time.

Each kit, containing daily essential items including rice, wheat flour, dal, edible oil, sugar, coffee powder, tea powder, pickle, rasam powder, sambar powder, turmeric powder etc., was distributed on the occasion.

More than 1,500 kits containing rations would be distributed to the needy in the coming days.

President of Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Yuva Sanghatan Rajan Baghmar welcomed. Secretary Subhash Dhoka, President of Sri S.S. Jain Dharmik Sangh Budhmal Baghmar, JITO Mysuru Chief Secretary Deepak Bohra, Mysore Pinjrapole Society President Umedraj Singhavi, Yuva Sanghatan Past President Umesh Kothari, Vice-President Manohar Sankhla, Secretary Rakesh Bantia, Joint Secretary Rajendra Desarla, Treasurer Kiran Salecha, Committee Members Navratan Darla, Sunil Patva, Umed Ranka, Mahaveer Khabiya, Ramesh Kothari, Corporator Roopa, District Judge Virupaksha, DCP Dr. Prakash Gowda, MCC Assistant Commissioner H.R. Muralidhar, Junior Engineer Deepak, Social Worker B.S. Prakash, Inspector Srikanth and others were present.

Police file criminal case against fake journalist in city

Mysuru, Apr. 8 (RK&KS)- Mandi Police have registered a case against a man who was moving around in city during lockdown by posing himself as a journalist.

On Apr. 6 at about 6.30 pm, Mandi Police Inspector V. Narayanaswamy and staff Harish, who were on duty near St. Philomena's Church Circle, stopped a man riding a bike and began to enquire him during which the man told them that he was Mysuru District Vice-President of International Council of Human Rights, Human Rights India Foundation and Labour Liberal Nav Nirman Sene and Indian Human Rights News Times Media Journalist and also showed the Cops his Identity Card (ID) which mentioned his name as Irfan Pasha.

When the Cops began to question him further, the man failed to give convincing reply to the Police personnel, left his ID card behind and sped away on his bike.

Police said that though they (Police) followed him, the man escaped and added that the bike's registration number was not clear on the front and rear registration number plates of the bike, following which Mandi Police have booked against him under IPC Sections 188, 269, 420 and 419.

Shab-E-Baraat tomorrow: Community members to offer prayers at homes

Mysuru, Apr.8 - With the number of Novel Coronavirus infections (COVID-19) rising by the day in the district, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar held a meeting with Muslim religious leaders under the leadership of Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas here yesterday in the backdrop of Shab-E-Baraat festival on Apr. 9.

During the meeting, the Muslim religious leaders assured the district administration that there will be no gatherings at Masjids and Khabarastan for Shab-E-Baraat festival and Muslim community members and religious leaders will celebrate the festival by offering prayers only at their homes.

They also assured that they will send a message to community members not to visit Masjids during the lockdown period and even if the lockdown extends beyond Apr. 14, to pray only at their homes.

They also told the meeting that Muslim community Halls and Masjids can be used as quarantine facilities if there is paucity of space for quarantining Muslim community members from other States who are stuck in Mysuru.

They said that the Police department and the Health department could utilise the services of volunteers from Muslim community in case of need in areas where the community population is more and the list of such volunteers will be submitted soon.

Additional DC B.R. Poornima, Siddiqui Madrasa Secretary Chaand Sab, Principal Salman Sab, community leader Tajuddin, Adam Khan Masjid Secretary Noorullah, Shariff Furniture proprietor Shariff, Maulana Zakaullah and other religious leaders attended at the meeting.

MLC appeals for evaluation of PUC answer scripts at four divisions

Marithibbegowda

Mysuru, Apr.8 (PM&DM)- MLC Marithibbegowda, who represents South Teachers Constituency in the Karnataka Legislative Council, has appealed Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar to order evaluation of Second PUC Science stream answer scripts at four divisions, in order to maintain lockdown regulations.

In a letter to the Minister, Marithibbegowda said that all these years, the evaluation of all subjects of Science stream used to take place at Bengaluru. But now due to COVID-19 lockdown, it is advisable to hold evaluation of answer scripts at four divisions in the State as this would help in maintaining social distancing and facilitate faster evaluation.

Apart from this, the Department will also be able to save precious time and money, he said and urged the Minister to seriously consider his suggestion.

COVID - 19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	3,057
Persons isolated in home for 14 days	:	1,490
Persons isolated in hospital	:	34
Persons completed 14-days isolation	:	1,533
Total samples tested	:	287
Samples found negative	:	174
Total active positive cases	:	34
Persons cured	:	1
Death toll so far in Mysuru	:	0

STATE & NATION

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	181
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	5
Total positive cases in India	:	5,400
Death toll so far in India	:	170

(NOTE: FIGURES TILL 2 PM)

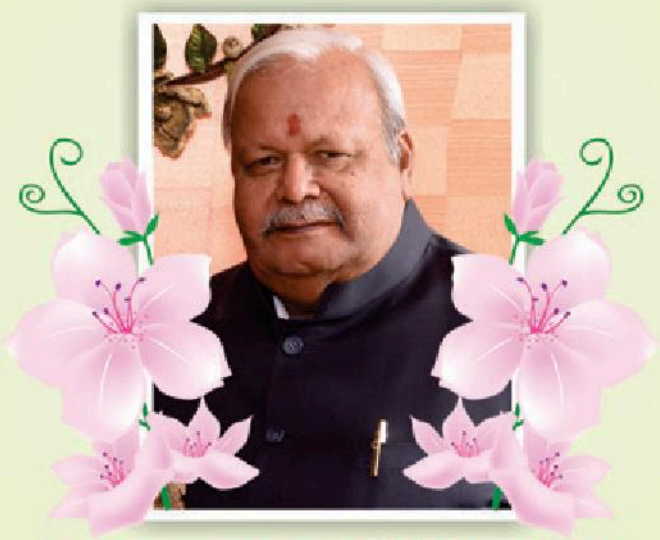
COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

Mysuru Helpline numbers
1077 or 0821-2423800
Karnataka Helpline number: 104
Central Helpline number:
011-23978046
Email: ncov2019@gmail.com

OBITUARY

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
Love leaves memories no one can steal"



Paramanand G. Hemdev

01.06.1949 – 07.04.2020

"The soul is neither born, nor does it ever die: nor having once existed, does it ever cease to be. The soul is without birth, eternal, immortal and ageless. It is not destroyed when the body is destroyed" - Bhagavad Geeta

The Golden Years you blessed us will always remain in our hearts

Fondly Remembered by

Grieving family members, Wife: Shakuntala P. Hemdev, Son: Ashwin P. Hemdev
Daughter-in-Law Renu Ashwin, Grandchildren: Simran & Vybhav, the entire Hemdev family,
loving staff of the Perfect Professionals and The Darshan Group of Companies

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